

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY and HAWKEYE TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-00-24
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES**

(Issued March 7, 2001)

On December 18, 2000, Interstate Power Company (Interstate) and Hawkeye Tri-County Electric Cooperative (Hawkeye) filed a joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries pursuant to 199 IAC 20.3(9). Interstate and Hawkeye filed a revised legal description on February 13, 2001. No objections to the petition were filed.

Interstate and Hawkeye request the Utilities Board (Board) transfer from Interstate to Hawkeye the service territory in Winneshiek County described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 22, Township 97 North, Range 9 West of the 5th P.M., Winneshiek County, Iowa, thence East 591.19 feet, thence North 253.53 feet to the public road right of way of Iowa Highway 325, thence Northwesterly 225.40 feet paralleling said highway right of way, thence West 392.04 feet paralleling said highway right of way, thence South 371.11 feet along the North/South Quarter line of the Northwest

Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 22 to the point of beginning, all in the last named township and range.

In support of the petition, Interstate and Hawkeye state that a new residence is being built in the area described above, which is currently territory assigned to Interstate. However, because Interstate has no facilities within close proximity of the new residence, it would cost approximately \$5,000 for Interstate to provide service to the residence. Hawkeye has electric facilities in close proximity to the new residence and received a request for service from the customer. Interstate has therefore agreed to transfer the territory to Hawkeye.

Iowa Code § 476.25 (1999) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the Interstate and Hawkeye joint petition for modification of service area boundaries. Interstate and Hawkeye have alleged facts which establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.25.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The joint petition for modification of electric service area boundaries filed by the Interstate Power Company and Hawkeye Tri-County Electric Cooperative on December 18, 2000, and supplemented on February 13, 2001, is granted, subject to complaint or investigation.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of March, 2001.